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IN MEETING WITH THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AMBASSADOR
MESQUITA THIS AFTERNOON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS
PROVIDED:

A. FOREIGN MINISTER GIBSON BARBOZA WILL REPRESENT PRESIDENT
MEDICI IN MEETING ALL HEADS OF STATE INCLUDING MRS. NIXON
UPON ARRIVAL. (HIS NAME SHOULD BE ENTERED IN SCENARIO NO.
1 BRASILIA 1607 IN THE PLACE WHERE THE GOB REPRESENTATIVE
IS INDICATED.)

B. MRS. MEDICI INVITES MRS. NIXON TO CALL ON HER AT THE
ALVORADO PALACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS
MARCH 14 AT APPROXIMATELY 5 P.M. WHEN MRS. NIXON DEPARTS
FROM THE PLANALTO PALACE (SEE SCENARIO NO. 2, BRASILIA
1485) HER MOTORCADE WILL PROCEED TO THE ALVORADO PALACE
AND WILL ARRIVE THERE WITHIN FIVE MINUTES. (WE WILL SUPPLY
A SUPPLEMENTAL SCENARIO LATER.) APPROXIMATE RUNNING TIME
FROM ALVORADO PALACE BACK TO THE RESIDENCE IS 20 MINUTES.

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C. THE PRIVATE MEETING AMONG MRS. NIXON, MRS. MEDICI AND

MRS. GEISEL AT 11 O'CLOCK ON MARCH 15 AT THE PLANALTO PALACE WILL BE HANDLED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER (SEE SCENARIO 5, BRASILIA 1487):

WHEN MRS. NIXON ARRIVES AT THE TOP OF THE RAMP SHE WILL BE ESCORTED BY AMBASSADOR TAUNAY THROUGH THE MAIN HALL TO THE RIGHT INTO THE ADJOINING HALL WHICH ON THE PREVIOUS DAY HAD SERVED AS THE CHAMBER FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS. A SETTEE WILL HAVE BEEN SET UP WITH ARM-CHAIRS FOR THE THREE LADIES THEY WILL BE ATTENDED BY TWO INTERPRETERS. JUST BEFORE THE TWO PRESIDENTS WILL DESCEND INTO THE MAIN HALL, THE THREE LADIES WILL BE ESCORTED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS DURING THE CEREMONY, WITH MRS. NIXON BEING TAKEN TO STAND IN THE FIRST ROW FACING THE PLATFORM WITH THE OTHER HEADS OF STATE.

DEM CHIEF OF PROTOCOL INFORMED US THAT MRS. GEISEL WOULD LIKE TO SEE MRS. NIXON OFF AT THE AIRPORT ON MORNING OF MARCH 16. HE HAD BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION THAT TAKE-OFF TIME WOULD BE AT 9:30 A.M. AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED. WE INFORMED HIM THAT SINCE MRS. NIXON WAS BRINGING A PERSONAL LETTER FOR PRESIDENT GEISEL, WE ASSUMED THAT PRESIDENT GEISEL WOULD WANT TO RECEIVE MRS. NIXON BEFORE HER DEPARTURE. IN VIEW OF HER RESCHEDULED EARLIER DEPARTURE AT 8:45 A.M., WE THEREUPON SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS A MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED EARLIER THAT MORNING AT 7:30 OR 8:00. WE THEN SUGGESTED THAT, IF THIS MEETING WERE TO BE ARRANGED, PERHAPS MRS. GEISEL COULD THEN TAKE MRS. NIXON OUT TO THE AIRPORT FOR ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT AT 8:30 AND DEPARTURE AT 8:45 AFTER MILITARY CEREMONY. MESQUITA STATED THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE THIS BUT COULD NOT AT THIS TIME PROMISE THAT MRS. GEISEL WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE MRS. NIXON OFF AT THIS EARLY HOUR. HE WOULD INFORM US AS SOON AS HE COULD ABOUT BOTH THE APPOINTMENT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF MRS. GEISEL'S ACCOMPANYING MRS. NIXON TO THE AIRPORT.

E. AT THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY AT 4:30, MARCH 14 (SEE SCENARIO 2, BRASILIA 1485) FOREIGN OFFICE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AMBASSADOR MESQUITA, WILL GREET MRS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NIXON AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RAMP AND PRESIDENCY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AMBASSADOR JORGE TAUNAY WILL GREET MRS. NIXON AT THE TOP OF THE RAMP.

F. AT THE COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT GEISEL ON MARCH 15, AT 5 P.M. (SEE SCENARIO 7, BRASILIA 1488), MRS. NIXON WILL BE GREETED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RAMP BY FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR ANDRE MESQUITA AND AT THE TOP

OF THE RAMP BY THE PRESIDENCY'S NEW CHIEF OF PROTOCOL,
JORGE CARLOS RIBEIRO.

G. AT THE ITAMARATY PALACE RECEPTION ON MARCH 15 AT
10:00 P.M. (SEE SCENARIO 8, BRASILIA 1489), MRS. NIXON
WILL BE GREETED UPON ARRIVAL BY FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL, AMBASSADOR ANDRE MESQUITA.

H. MESQUITA CONFIRMED THAT MRS. NIXON WILL RANK WITH
BUT BEHIND THE THREE CHIEFS OF STATE, I.E. NUMBER 4 IN
PRECEDENCE.
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